(a) whether a proposal has been submitted to the Union Government for laying new railway line from Gadag–Harihar via Mundaragi Huvvinahadagalli in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the total estimated expenditure involved; and

(c) the time by which a final decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a). No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

C.G.H.S. Dispensary in Trans–Hindon Areas

1890. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a new C.G.H.S. dispensary in trans–Hindon areas covering Lajpat Nagar, Rajendra Nagar and Sahibabad;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a). No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Requests have been received for opening CGHS dispensary at Rajinder Nagar Sector II Sahibabad and Hindon Air Force Station. On examination, the proposal for opening of a CGHS dispensary at Rajinder Nagar Sector II has been found justified and the same will be considered subject to availability of funds.

Booking Facilities for Remote Areas

1891. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that people residing in remote areas have to travel considerable distance for booking of tickets as well as freight;

(b) if so, the action being taken to provide booking facilities for them of the areas not connected by rail, and

(c) whether the Government are considering to set up computer linked booking offices at district headquarters of each district in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Depending on demand. Out Agencies are opened in areas which are not connected with rail heads and facilities of buying tickets and booking of Parcel & Goods traffic are provided.

(c) No, Sir.

Indian Squad to ATF Meet, Kuala–Lumpur

1892. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of athletes in Indian Squad sent to Kuala-Lumpur for the Ninth Asian Track and Field (ATF) Meet;

(b) the total number of officials accompanied the squad;

(c) whether India had sent the 'largest official' contingent after the host; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a). and (b). Amateur Athletic Federation of India(AAFI) sent twenty eight athletes and five officials to take part in the Ninth Asian Track and Field Meet held in Kuala Lumpur.

(c) AFFI have informed Government that this was not so.

(d) Does not arise.

Building for Kendriya Vidyalaya at Hamirpur

1893. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a building for the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by what time the work is likely to begin; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The construction work of permanent school building at Hamirpur has already been entrusted to C.P.W.D.

Sports Development in Kerala

1894. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance given to Kerala for the development of sports and games;

(b) whether any new proposals have been received from the Government of Kerala for the Central assistance; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a). A sum of Rs. 2,68,87,631/- has been sanctioned and released to the Government of Kerala for development of Games and Sports.

(b) and (c) 30 new proposals have been received for Central assistance under the Scheme of Grants to State Sports Councils etc. One case has been approved. Deficiencies have been pointed out for rectification to the State Government in 10 cases. Others are under process. Another 55 proposals have been received under the Scheme of Grants to Rural Schools. 6 nos. have been rejected. Deficiencies in respect of remaining 49 cases have been pointed out to the State Govt. for compliance.

[*Translation*]

Bridges in Aligarh District

1895. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some places/railway stations have been selected for the construction of over-bridges in Aligarh district; and

(b) if so, the names of such places/ railway stations and when the construction is likely to be completed?